



A farsighted energy strategy would benefit health in New Zealand

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Abstract:

The government's draft national energy strategy is a curious mix of activism on fossil fuel exploration and lack of ambition on energy sustainability. At one and the same time it champions petroleum extraction but is passive about reshaping transport energy, and takes a low-key approach to energy efficiency targets. On the plus side, it recognises that a lower carbon economy presents opportunities, and that warm, dry homes are important. On the minus side, it fails to recognise the importance of a stronger national greenhouse gas target, and the inadequacy of the current emissions trading scheme (ETS).

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Indoor Environment

Air Pollution: Allergens, Particulate Matter

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Australasia

Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation):

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

A focus of content

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Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Cardiovascular Effect, Injury, Mental Health/Stress, Respiratory Effect

Intervention:

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

A focus of content

Mitigation/Adaptation:

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation, Mitigation

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion, Policy/Opinion

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified